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Grafton Complex Threat Investigation

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has notified the York County School Division regarding an overnight investigation involving a potential threat to the Grafton School Complex. A concerned parent contacted law enforcement to report threatening comments within text messages exchanged between three GHS students.

While the investigation is ongoing, the individuals involved in the text message group were taken into custody before school began today. In addition to facing criminal charges, the students will face disciplinary action in accordance with the YCSD Student Handbook and Conduct Code.

We commend the parent who immediately reported this concern to law enforcement and the deputies and investigators who worked through the night to resolve this matter. The safety and well-being of our school community is a collective effort and remains a top priority for our school division.

The division and law enforcement take all reports of this nature seriously. Families are encouraged to use this incident as a "teachable moment." Remind your child that safety is a serious matter and jokes or false threats of this nature do have consequences.

Our community can report concerns directly to the division through the YCSD Report It hotline (757-890-5000) and forms. Report It forms are located on the division website and app and all school websites. In the event of an emergency, always call 911.

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